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Sir:

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**Non-Patent Publications**

Aston et al., "Repair of Articular Surfaces by Allografts of Articular and Growth-Plate Cartilage," Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, January 1986, Vol. 68-B, No.1; pp. 29-35.

Applicants' attorney notes that, with the exception of Soviet Union Patent Application Publication No. SU 1454423 A1, all of the above-listed documents are in the English language. With reference to Soviet Union Patent Application Publication No. SU 1454423 A1, Applicants' attorney is providing an English language translation thereof, along with a Verification of Translation by the translator, Joe Crabbs. In such circumstances, comments concerning the relevance of the foregoing documents are believed to be unnecessary under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.

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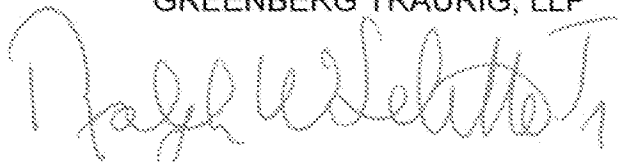
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